

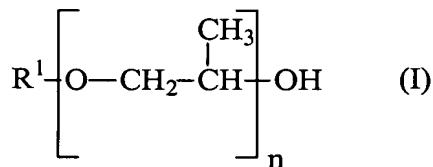
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Claims 1-13 (Canceled):

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): A method of improving the intake system cleaning effect of a fuel composition for internal combustion engines, the method consisting of:

(a) providing the fuel composition with an effective amount of (i) a propoxylate additive of formula I



wherein

n is an integer of from 14-17, and

R¹ is straight-chain or branched C₈-C₁₈-alkyl or C₈-C₁₈-alkenyl; or

(b) providing the fuel composition with an effective amount of (i) a propoxylate additive of formula I and with (ii) at least one detergent additive, selected from a polyalkylamine additive of the formula II



where R² is a straight-chain or branched polyalkyl radical having a number average molecular weight of from about 500 to about 5000.

Claim 15 (Canceled):

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein in said propoxylate additive of formula I, n is an integer of 15 and R¹ is straight-chain or branched C₁₃-alkyl.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 14, wherein n in formula I is 15.

Claim 18 (Canceled):

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 14, in which the propoxylate of formula I is added in an amount of from 50 to 5000 mg/kg of fuel.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the additives i) and ii) are used in a total amount of from about 100 to about 10000 mg/kg of fuel.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the additives i) and ii) are used in a molar ratio of from about 1:10 to about 10:1.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein in said polyalkylamine additive of the formula II, R² is a radical derived from identical or different C₂-C₃₀-alkenes.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein said additive of formula II is at least one polyisobutlenamine having a number average molecular weight of from 800 to 1500.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein in said propoxylate additive of formula I, R¹ is straight-chain or branched C₁₃-alkyl.

Claim 25 (New): The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein in said propoxylate additive of formula I, R¹ is R¹ is a straight-chain or branched C₁₀-C₁₆-alkyl or C₁₀-C₁₆-alkenyl.

Claim 26 (New): The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein in said propoxylate additive of formula I, R¹ is R¹ is a straight-chain or branched C₁₂-C₁₄-alkyl or C₁₂-C₁₄-alkenyl.

Claim 27 (New): The method as claimed in claim 14, in which the propoxylate of formula I is added in an amount of from 300 to 5000 mg/kg of fuel.

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BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT

New Claim 25 is supported by Claim 1.

New Claim 26 is supported by Claim 1.

New Claim 27 is supported at page 4, paragraph 2 of the specification.

No new matter is believed to have been added by entry of this amendment. Entry and favorable reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this amendment Claims 14-27 will now be active in this application.